PROPERTY OF
PRINCETON
THEOLOGICAL
SEMINARY.

Division SCC
Section 9362
No. V. 7

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2015

https://archive.org/details/womansworkforwom710woma

WOMAN'S WORK

FOR

WOMAN.

VOLUME VII.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church,
1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest,
Room 48, McCormick's Block, Chicago.

Mission House, 23 Centre Street, New York.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church.

President.

MRS. W. E. SCHENCK.

Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. R. H. ALLEN, Philadelphia.
" J. D. MCCORD, "
" M. W. FULLERTON, "
" Z. M. HUMPHREY, Cincinnati, O.
" D. A. CUNNINGHAM, Wheeling, W. Va.
" E. P. S. JONES, Baltimore, Md.
" R. T. HAINES, Elizabeth, N. J.
" H. G. COMINGO, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. A. A. HODGE, Princeton, N. J.
" JAMES P. WILSON, Newark, N. J.
" ALLEN BUTLER, Syracuse, N. Y.
" W. S. LADD, Portland, Oregon.
" M. C. SHEPPARD, Bridgeton, N. J.
" M. A. LAPSLEY, New Albany, Ind.
" E. V. ROBBINS, San Francisco, Cal.

Home Corresponding Secretaries.

MRS. A. L. MASSEY,
MRS. THEO. CUYLER,
MRS. J. ADDISON HENRY.

Foreign Corresponding Secretaries.

MRS. S. C. PERKINS,
MRS. STRICKLAND KNEASS,
MRS. CHAS. P. TURNER.

Recording Secretary.

MISS MARY H. WRIGHT.

Treasurer.

MRS. JULIA M. FISHBURN.

Managers.

Mrs. S. B. ROWLEY,
" J. GRAHAM,
Miss MARY SUTHERLAND
" K. M. LINNARD,
" MARY WELD,
Mrs. S. DODWORTH,

Mrs. S. HOOD,
" DR. POSEY,
" DUFFIELD ASHMEAD,
" H. G. KERN,
" K. R. WOODWARD,
" HENRY N. PAUL,

Mrs. CHARLOTTE MCFADDEN,
Miss H. A. DILLAYE,
Mrs. JOHN DEWITT,
" E. L. LINNARD,
Miss FANNY PAUL.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest.

President.

MRS. A. H. HOGE, 195 Dearborn Av., Chicago.

Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. R. W. PATTERSON, Chicago, Ill.
" WM. BLAIR, " "
" CYRUS H. MCCORMICK, Chicago, Ill.
" J. V. FARWELL, Lake Forest, Illinois.
" J. G. JOHNSTON, Peoria, "
" G. H. READ, Bloomington, "
" WM. P. PIERSON, Onarga, "
" S. C. HUTCHINSON, New Albany, Ind.
" E. C. WALKER, Detroit, Michigan.
" J. S. FARRAND, " "

Mrs. J. F. ELY, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
" PLANKINTON, Milwaukee, Wis.
" Prof. J. STERLING, Madison, Wis.
" Gen. VAN CLEVE, Minneapolis, Minn.
" J. D. KERR, Nebraska City, Nebraska.
" P. L. PERINE, Omaha, "
" ASA TURNER, Hannibal, Mo.
" GEO. E. POMEROY, Toledo, Ohio.
" Dr. HUMPHREY, Louisville, Kentucky.

Home Corresponding Secretaries.

MRS. GEO. H. LAFLIN,
MRS. H. H. FRY.

Foreign Corresponding Secretaries.

MRS. ALBERT KEEP,
MRS. S. H. PERRY,
MRS. H. F. WAITE.

Recording Secretary.

MISS E. A. BLAIKIE.

Treasurer.

MRS. JESSE WHITEHEAD.

Managers.

Mrs. D. K. PEARSON, Chicago, Ill.
" G. C. BENTON, " "
" ARTHUR MITCHELL, " "
" J. MONRO GIBSON, " "
" J. ABBOTT FRENCH, " "
" GLEN WOOD, " "
" BENJ. DOUGLAS, " "
" W. B. JACOBS, " "
" HENRY J. WILLING, " "
" J. N. BARKER, Hyde Park, Ill.
" E. S. WILLIAMS, " "
" A. M. GIBBS, Evanston, "
" S. D. WARD, Lake Forest, "

Mrs. JULIA B. KENDALL, LaPorte, Ind.
" H. A. EDSON, Indianapolis, "
" W. HOLT, Owatonna, Minn.
" E. C. DURAND, Milwaukee, Wis.
" S. C. LAPHAM, La Crosse, "
" A. H. VEDDER, Milwaukee, "
" WM. H. BENTON, St. Louis, Mo.
" S. H. H. CLARKE, Omaha, Nebraska.
" A. C. SCOTT, Kossuth, Iowa.
" J. F. YOUNG, Vinton, "
" A. S. WILLIAMS, Detroit, Mich.
Miss CARRIE S. WEED, Ypsilanti, "
Miss LAFON, Louisville, Ky.

Editorial Committe .

MRS. A. M. GIBBS, MRS. DR. CHARLES G. SMITH.

INDEX TO VOLUME VII.

Abroad.

Extracts from Letters, 12, 49, 196.

AFRICA.

Liberia, Priest, Mrs. Ann, 10.

BRAZIL.

Cachoeira, Houston, Mrs. J. T., 282.
Rio Claro, Kuhl, Miss Ella, 11, 84.
San Paulo, Chamberlain, Miss M., 196.
San Paulo, Thomas, Miss P. R., 309.

CHINA.

Canton, Items from, 81.
Cantou, Noyes, Miss H., 12.
Canton, Noyes, Miss M., 82.
Chefoo, Nevius, Mrs. J. L., 193, 283.
Chenanfoo, Crossette, Mrs. J. F., 283.
Chenanfoo, Murray, Mrs. John, 192.
Contrast, A., 8.
Ningpo, Harshberger, Miss F. E., 9, 189.
Shanghai, Roberts, Mrs. J. S., 260.
Soochow, Fitch, Mrs. G. F., 45, 223.
Tungchow, Capp, Mrs. E. P., 145, 221.

CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA.

Los Angeles, Condit, Mrs. Ira M., 187.
San Francisco, Browne, Mrs. P. D., 308.

INDIA.

Allahabad, Holcomb, Mrs. J. F., 181.
Allahabad, Seward, Miss S. C., M.D., 1.
Dehra, Craig, Miss M. A., 184.
Delhi, Woodside, Rev. J. S., 43.
Futtehgurh, Blunt, Miss E. A., 227.
Futtehgurh, Scott, Miss A. E., 44.
Futtehgurh, Tracy, Mrs. T., 13, 226.
Kolapoor, Graham, Mrs. J. P., 4, 185.
Kolapoor, Hull, Mrs. J. J., 228.
Kolapoor, McGiunis, Miss A. B., 13, 229.
Lahore, Thiede, Miss C., 186.
Sabathu, Newton, Mrs. John, Jr., 13, 225.
Saharanpur, Calderwood, Mrs. W., 149.
Woodstock, Pratt, Miss M., 44.

JAPAN.

Tokio, True, Mrs. M. T., 7, 196.
Yokohama, Ballagh, Mrs. J. C., 217.
Yokohama, Hepburn, Mrs. J. C., 37.
Yokohama, Marsh, Miss Belle, 39.

MEXICO.

Mexico, Hennequin, Miss L. A. H., 308.
Mexico, Leason, Miss M. E., 77.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIANS.

Odanah, Wis., Baird, Mrs. I., 48.
Versailles, N. Y., Wright, Mrs. A., 79.

PAPAL EUROPE.

Papal Europe, 277.
Spain, Mission Work in, 278.

PERSIA.

Dangers and Disturbances, 256.
Gifts in Persia, 257.
Oroomiah, Labaree, Mrs. B., Jr., 78, 256, 257, 284.
Oroomiah Seminary, 258.
Persia, Our Mission in, 254.
Special Call to Prayer, A., 253.

SIAM.

Bangkok, Van Dyke, Mrs. J. W., 46.
Petchaburi, Cort, Miss M. L., 50, 282.
Petchaburi, McFarland, Mrs. S. G., 147.
Petchaburi, Same, a Bible-Reader, 195.

SYRIA.

Aheih, Pond, Mrs. T. S., 306.
Beirût, Everett, Miss E. D., 73.
Beirût, Jackson, Miss E., 41.
Sidon, Eddy, Miss H. M., 75.
Sidon, Eddy, Mrs. W. W., 49, 150, 307.
Syria, 301.
Tripoli, La Grange, Miss H., 152.

UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.

Bogota, McFarren, Miss K., 154, 219.

At Home.

At Home and Abroad, 232.
Auxiliaries and Bands, 21, 57, 91, 161, 203, 238, 267, 291, 314.
Beginning Anew, 290.
California Branch, 160.
Christus Consolator, 233.
Easy Ways of Making Missionary Money, 197.
Encouraging Words, 265.
Faith for Next Year, 85.
Farewell Meeting, 14.
Free Gift, The, 264.
General Fund, The, 289.
How Long the Night Appeareth! 266.
Indirect Work, The, 19.
In Memoriam, 51, 156.
Items from our Exchanges, 312.
Lamb, The, 87.
Let us hear from you, 290.
Life Members, 20, 58, 90, 161, 203, 238, 267, 291, 314.
Little Things, 199.

Meeting, Annual, 55.
Meeting, Semi-Annual, 266, 285.
Meetings, Our Anniversary, 109.
Ministry to the Lord, 20.
Missionaries, Sailing of, 311.
Mission of *Children's Work*, The, 200.
Mite Boxes, 198.
Nehemiah, 18.
New Laborers, 264.
Notices, 20, 131, 158, 202, 238.
"Oh, how we Prayed!" 310.
One Hundred Thousand Dollars, 16.
One Woman's Deed, 231.
Out of the Shadow, 159.
Pittsburgh, 87.
Questions, 314.
Receipts, 21, 58, 91, 162, 203, 239, 268, 291, 314.
Report, Seventh Annual, of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 111.
Report, Treasurer's, 132.
Retrenchment, 90.
Secret of Success, The, 201.
Shall it be done? 234.
Simon's Question, 312.
Something to Do, 235.
Waste of the Ointment, The, 56.
What will you do? 263.
Where are they? 90.
Word from Ohio, A, 237.
Word from the Other Side, A, 202.
Words from a Missionary, 17.
Young Folks, The, 52.

Northwestern Department.

AFRICA.

Coriseo, De Heer, Mrs. C., 271.

CHINA.

Chefoo, Downing, Miss C. B., 99, 248.
Foochow, Wong Yu Ang, 64.
Ningpo, Ketchum, Miss A. P., 318.

INDIA.

Allahabad, Holcomb, Mrs. J. F, 243.
Calcutta, 272.
Futtehgurh, Lucas, Mrs. J. J., 26.
Futtehgurh, Tracy, Mrs. T., 245.
Rawal Pindi, Kelso, Mrs. A. P., 317.
Work among the Lepers, 273.

JAPAN.

Carrothers, Mrs. C., 169, 205.
Japan, 241.
Yokohama, True, Mrs. M. T., 295.

LAOS.

Wilson, Mrs. J., 100, 243.

MEXICO.

Mexico, Hutchinson, Mrs. M. N., 209.

PERSIA.

Tabriz, Jewett, Miss M., 97, 211, 247, 294.
Tabriz, Van Hook, Mrs. L C., 269.
Teheran, Bassett, Miss S., 61.

SIAM.

Bangkok, Grimstead, Miss S. D., 25, 293.
Petchaburi, Cort, Miss M. L., 63, 99, 319.

SYRIA.

Beirût, Lewis, Mrs. H. E., 27.

HOME WORK.

Auxiliaries, 35, 71, 105, 178, 216, 251, 276, 299, 324.
Casting out of the Dumb Spirits, The, 29.
Chicago, Presbytery of, 322.
Christian Brahmin Woman, The, 323.
Christ is our Guest To-day, 101.
Constantine, Michigan, Letter from the Happy Workers, 104.
Editorial, 249.
Extracts from Letters, 249.
"He shall not fail nor be discouraged," 323.
Hints Worth Acting Upon, 33.
Important, 103.
John ix. 4, 321.
Kossuth, Iowa, 105.
"Let her own Works praise her," 175.
Life Members, 35, 71, 105, 178, 216, 251, 276, 299, 324.
Maps of Presbyterian Mission Stations, 299.
Meeting, The Annual, 172.
"No Interest in the Mission Cause," 104.
Notice to Treasurers of Auxiliaries, 67.
Organ for Persia, An, 275.
Prayer-Meeting, Our Monthly, 298.
Prayers for Persia, 69.
Pulling the String of Prayer, 273.
Receipts, 35, 71, 105, 142, 179, 216, 252, 276, 300, 324.
Report of the Foreign Secretaries of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of the Northwest, 133.
Review of Work in South America, A, 212.
River, The, 68.
Semi-Annual Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, 321.
Voice from the Foreign Field to the Home, A, 30.
What will the Harvest be? 31.
"Who shall roll us away the Stone?" 296.
Widow's Mite, A, 215.
Woman's Presbyterian Board, 66.
Work of the Lord, The, 102.

Woman's Work for Woman.

Vol. VII. DECEMBER, 1877. No. 10.

Abroad.

SYRIA.

To have an intelligent sympathy in the work of missions we need knowledge, and our sympathy grows with our knowledge. In any great contest, where war is waged for any principle at stake, how earnestly do we study the position of the contending armies, to know what posts of the enemy have been taken, what batteries have been silenced! Who would be indifferent in the struggle of Christ with the powers of darkness wherever waged! Ignorance here would imply indifference. Let us inform ourselves and teach the children of the Church, so that the geography and the history of missions shall be as familiar as any other that they are taught to consider indispensable.

A few facts and thoughts about our Syrian mission may not be without interest for the readers of *Woman's Work*. Here the

allied forces of Mohammedanism and false Christianity, with Satan for their leader, are brought into conflict with a gallant little band of missionaries and Christian teachers. Their "strength" seems "weakness in the fight," but let us never forget that

"The field of battle boasts
Christ Jesus, Lord of hosts."

What are the geographical limits of the field, and what the centres of operation of this little army? The Mediterranean is its westward boundary, and it extends along the coast from Acre northward one hundred and fifty miles. Its breadth averages fifty miles, and through nearly its entire length towers sublimely the Lebanon range, famous in sacred history and song. Along the sea-coast are populous cities, and the western slope of Lebanon is thickly dotted with villages.

The centres of missionary operations are Beirût, Sidon, Tripoli, Abeih and Zahleh.

BEIRUT.

Beirût, the chief seaport of Syria, connected with Damascus by a fine carriage-road which scales Mount Lebanon, has eighty thousand inhabitants, and is the central and most important station of the field. Here, more than forty years ago, brave missionaries planted the standard of their Leader in the heart of the enemy's works. They had almost no books in Arabic, and almost no readers if they had had books. Now they have one of the most accurate and beautiful translations of the Bible extant, text-books for their schools and colleges, and have even bent the stiff stateliness of the written Arabic so as to adapt it to a "Child's Illustrated Paper," and hymns such as our children sing.

The schools begun in Beirût pushed their way up the neighboring Lebanon, and around each school clustered a little Protestant community. At Beirût to-day we have the "Syrian Protestant College" of ninety-six students, with also a medical department, besides a theological seminary, and a female seminary of high grade, with fifty-six scholars. In the day-school are seventy pupils, many of whom are Moslems. Beirût has two native churches, the first having one hundred and sixty-three members, and many other attendants

SYRIA
MISSION FIELD.
I. of Irwad
Tartoos
Safeeta
HAMAH
HUMS
R. Orontes
Nahr el Bared
Cold R.
Seer
Cedars
BAWHYTA
Ehheden
Besherry
Tripoliport
CANOBEEN
TRIPOLI
Deman
Deir Belmont
AMIOON
C. Shukaa
Batroon
Deir Meifook
Jebail
Mt. Sunneen
AIN WARKA
Bay of Juneh
Der Alma
Juneh
R. Kelb
Antoora
Zahhleh
BEIRUT
College
Brummana
Kefr Sheema
Hadet
Deir Kul-aa
Abeih
DEIR EL KOMMER
Damoor R.
Bteddeen
Litani.
DAMASCUS
Deir el Makholles
Rasheiya
Joon
SIDON
Hasbeiya
Sarepta
MT. HERMON
R. Kasime-yeh
Source of the Jordan R.
TYRE
Kana
MEDITERRANEAN SEA
LEBANON
PART OF ANTI LEBANON
R. Orontes

on the services. The second, built by native Christians at the cost of $1100, has a graduate of the theological seminary for its pastor.

At this place the following missionaries are stationed: C. V. A. Van Dyck, D.D., M.D., H. H. Jessup, D.D., Rev. J. S. Dennis, and their wives; Mrs. S. H. Calhoun, Mrs. G. B. Danforth, Miss E. D. Everett, Miss Ellen Jackson, Miss Lizzie Van Dyck, Mr. S. Hallock, superintendent of the press. Misses Everett, Jackson and Van Dyck have charge of the Beirût Female Seminary, Miss Jackson being the representative of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in that institution.

SIDON.

Twenty-five miles down the coast from Beirût is Sidon, headquarters of the southern work. Here, where Jezebel and her bad family contended against God in their day, as bad and as dangerous foes of truth now hold sway. Men and women courageous and faithful as Elijah, and who draw their inspiration from the same source, propose to meet them with weapons taken from the armory of God's Word, to gain the peaceful victory of the gospel. To do this, here, as well as elsewhere in Syria, they have hit upon the wisest of all plans: to teach the children before prejudice and evil shall have struck such deep roots as to be almost ineradicable. The girls, especially, the mothers of "the coming race," are taught and trained. This is a new thing in the East, difficult as it is to realize it in America, where women come to the front, and have at least their rights. Most of the girls so educated become in their turn teachers of village schools on the slopes of Lebanon and elsewhere, and thus form new centres of influence. With their much more perfect knowledge of Arabic, the almost universal language there, and of the customs and ways of thinking of the country than any foreigner can possibly have, how much more easily can they reach the minds of those around them!

At Sidon we have a girls' seminary, with forty boarders and eighty day-scholars, from which have gone thirty-two teachers into mountain villages. Sidon has a full church, with seventeen outstations and an average of six hundred and fifty hearers. It has

seventeen common schools, with over eight hundred scholars. Rev. Dr. Eddy and wife are laboring here, with Miss H. M. Eddy in charge of the seminary. Both ladies belong to our Society.

TRIPOLI.

Tripoli, our third station, is also on the Mediterranean, sixty miles north of Beirût. It has its boys' school and its girls' school, its church and its out-stations. The missionaries here are Rev. Messrs. Samuel Jessup and O. J. Hardin, and their wives; Miss H. La Grange and Miss A. Thomson.

ABEIH.

Abeih, the fourth station, is on the mountains, fifteen miles south-east of Beirût. It has its church, with several out-stations, and its academy, with fifty-six students. Rev. Messrs. T. S. Pond and F. A. Wood, and their wives, occupy this place, the ladies both being connected with our Society.

ZAHLEH.

Zahleh, our fifth and youngest station on the eastern base of Lebanon, is two miles north of the Damascus road. It has a church with sixty members, in whose steeple is the only bell, so far as we know, that rings to Protestant worship in all Syria. It has an attendance of three hundred and fifty hearers, and a Sabbath-school with a hundred and seventy pupils. It has also out-stations and schools. Rev. Messrs. G. F. Dale and F. W. March are laboring here.

Besides this work of preaching and teaching, work among the Bedouin Arabs is also carried on by colporteurs. This seems to be the only way of reaching these wanderers of the desert.

This is but a hasty, imperfect sketch of our work in this "Crown Jewel of Missions," as it has been called. Not half the work done, not half the good accomplished, can be here chronicled.

A word as to this work of missions. Do we realize the force of the command, "Go, teach all nations?" When it was given, our forefathers were of the heathen who were to be given to Christ for

His inheritance; who *have been* given to Him. Freely we have received, freely let us give. Let us send back the light to the land that gave it to us. No one will ever know the prejudice the disciples had to overcome in teaching all nations. They had thought the sun rose and set for the benefit of their little Palestine, and that "stars in their courses fought" for it. We have no such deep-rooted prejudices to stand in the way of our working for Christ. As to the "gift of tongues,"—the art of printing the Bible in every language, with steam to carry it quickly to the ends of the earth, is a more wide-spread, valuable gift than the miracle of Pentecost. God could convert His world without us, but He suffers us to help Him for *our* improvement, as a mother lets infant fingers do what she could much more quickly do herself, just to teach the child. Let us never stand in the way of our own higher education by refusing to help in God's work.

FROM ABEIH.

MRS. T. S. POND.

We feel the importance of training this people to give to the utmost of their ability, even of their poverty, and you will be glad to hear that they have contributed more than ever before, though the necessaries of life cost more on account of the war. Even the Sunday-school children bring in their weekly offering. The church supports the teacher in Belabel, and a most interesting work is going on there. The school has increased in numbers from the first, and the people have met together to talk about this new religion, till the priest becoming alarmed, announced that all attending such meetings, or allowing their children to go to the Protestant school, should be excommunicated. As the people paid no heed to this, he secured a teacher and opened an opposition school. So small was the attendance that the teacher visited our school, and asked what we did to attract the boys. He said, "Have you any secrets concealed here with which to tempt them?" Our teacher replied, "Only the secrets of the gospel; we do not urge the boys to come, nor give them anything; they buy their own books, and also pay a small sum weekly." The Maronite

teacher was astonished. The priest then tried violence, beating one of the boys unmercifully with a heavy stick on his way to school, but the child dragged himself on to the school as soon as he was able. He then threatened to flay the teacher alive, but his only reply was, "I shall be thankful to be counted worthy to suffer for the gospel's sake." This is a persecution that we can but rejoice over, it so surely establishes the truth. Pray especially for Belabel, that the poor people may have strength given them to endure persecution as good soldiers of the cross.

In all but the smallest schools English is taught, as there are so few books in the native language. We have just had a Sunday-school celebration. Three schools united, the most studious children receiving as prizes Testaments, hymn-books, &c., and those who had learned only the Catechism, had colored handkerchiefs and more trifling gifts. There were exercises in the church, singing of hymns, &c. A great many people were present, and a happy set of children went to their homes that night. The war has affected us very little as yet. Mt. Lebanon seems to be considered a safe place, and many are fleeing thither, so that we may have rare opportunities for sowing the seed.

FROM SIDON.

MRS. W. W. EDDY.

EVERY Thursday afternoon I meet with the girls while they are making articles for sale, give them a verse or a motto on benevolence, or something akin to it, and translate to them some article from *Woman's Work* or *Children's Work*. It is a delightful hour that we spend in this way, and might be called our missionary meeting. I have been teaching a class this winter in the "Harmony of the Gospels," or rather the life of Christ as found in the four Gospels, in Arabic. I myself have been greatly interested, as well as the pupils.

Our daughter has had much responsibility for her first year's experience, but she has been happy and cheerful all the day and all the year. Ask your young girls how they would like such an isolated life? Do you realize how lonely a life we live here? We

have no one with whom to speak English but ourselves, no Christian society. Oh, how I long for it! . . .

There are no traces of Baal-worship here in Sidon, but there are found some of the ruins of that worship upon Mt. Lebanon, in the shape of large stones that once formed a part of their temples. You allude to Jezebel being a Sidonian. This is true, but we are not proud of that, and do not often mention it. You will find in Dr. Thomson's "Land and the Book" a full description of Sidon. Dr. Jessup's "Syrian Home Life" and "Women of the Arabs" will furnish you with much information.

RECENT MISSIONARY NEWS.

Mrs. P. D. Browne writes in an inspiring way of the work among the Chinese in California:

"Already we are full of plans to press the work. One is, to have the married Christian women and their husbands come once a month to tea, and spend the evening, asking Mr. and Mrs. Condit to come too, so that they can have a little visit that they will love to think of all the month. Mrs. Condit is delightful in her love for the work and *faith in it*. Why are Christians so faithless? If the Master can save those people in China, amid heathenism on every side, surely we may be very hopeful here. The hard times reach us too, and as a matter of economy we have reduced our family by placing some of the girls in good Christian homes. I must tell you of the nice little classes we have in the homes of the women and children who come to the Industrial Class. They are taught by ladies who volunteer their services."

Miss L. A. H. Hennequin, City of Mexico:

"We were wonderfully protected on our journey; there were hurricanes and cyclones all about us, but they did not reach us. Miss Forbes and I went on shore at Havana, and received very kind attention from a Boston gentleman who is now living there, and who had a coach in readiness to take us all over the city. At Vera Cruz we stopped eight hours, but were afraid to go about on account of the yellow fever which was raging. A short time ago there were three

hundred and thirty soldiers in the fort, now there are but nineteen. We have just now arrived in the City of Mexico. . . . How I wish I could describe the scenery we beheld on the way. Oh, those mountains that we climbed—those tops covered with snow! I could only say, 'I thank Thee, O God, for these works of Thy hands, only Thou art greater than they!' . . . My room is on the second floor, paved with brick, as all rooms are. The house is situated in the best part of the city, and my window opens on a little balcony, facing the largest park, from which I can see crowds of Indians, Spaniards and foreigners on horseback and mulebback, each exhibiting his own nationality in manner and costume."

Miss P. R. Thomas, San Paulo, Brazil.

"Here we are at last, at our journey's end, in what is called the Paradise of Brazil. I should like to give you some account of our journey, but my powers of description would fail in the attempt. There were nine days in England filled with sight-seeing; then our long voyage was broken only three times by short stops at Lisbon, Cape St. Vincent, of the Cape de Verde Islands, and at Bahia. At St. Vincent the children came out in little boats to our vessel, and begged for money to be thrown into the water, and when this was done they would dive after it, bringing it up in their mouths, and never losing a piece. It made our hearts ache to see these people with no higher ambition than this, living in desolate houses on an island where nothing can grow, not even thistles; indeed, the only reason of its being inhabited is its beautiful safe harbor. We have been very kindly welcomed by all the friends here, and are now in Mr. Chamberlain's family while looking for a house. We have commenced our lessons in Portuguese, but it is probable I shall open my Kindergarten as soon as I can get a room and my tables and chairs, for there are English-speaking children here, and I might have the school well established by the time I am able to speak the language. San Paulo is pleasantly situated on high ground, and the country around is very beautiful, but wherever one goes there is a great want felt—need I say that that want is Protestant *Christianity?*

At Home.

"OH, HOW WE PRAYED!"

Thus wrote a dear missionary sister from Siam. For several years the missionaries at the station where she is located have been trying to secure funds for a church and school building combined. At length, believing that they were justified by the sanction of the Board and the promises of friends, they began to build the house. The walls were up, but no roof on, when the money in hand was exhausted. What was to be done? The rainy season was just upon them, and the building must be covered at once or ruined. Every dependence upon which they had leaned failed them. Thus shut up between Migdol and the sea, this faithful laborer writes, "Oh, how we prayed!" And just as it ever is, their extremity was God's opportunity. He put it into their hearts to ask help of the king and nobles of the country. He had appealed to His own, and they had not honored His claim. Now He will show them how easily He can do without them. Even before His tried servants had cried unto Him, heeding the earnest desire of their hearts, He had prepared the way for the answer. The king and his officials, knowing of this effort to build a house for Christian worship and instruction, had placed money in the hands of one of their secretaries to assist in the work. So when the missionary brother went to the palace, leaving those earnest-hearted women at home, engaged with one accord in prayer and supplication that he might find favor in the sight of this heathen prince, he was met with the salutation, "We are glad to see you; we have some money ready for your building." While they were yet speaking, God sent the answer by this man who knew Him not, and yet who could be made to execute His will and cheer the hearts of His waiting children. Surely the meditations of this good brother were sweet as he sailed down the Gulf with his treasures of silver: and as it was carried in and laid at

the feet of these handmaidens of the Lord, they received it as directly from His hand as did the Israelites the manna in the wilderness.

Is there not a lesson here for us? The alarm has been sounded from New York that the receipts are falling off. Sad wails of discouragement come up from our auxiliaries on every side. "Our ladies take so little interest in this cause." "Times are so hard, we fear we cannot redeem our pledge for the year." "Our society cannot raise more than half the amount pledged this year," &c., &c. Under these circumstances what are we doing? Are we casting about on this side and that to devise ways and means to help ourselves out of the difficulty, or have we come to that point when we are ready to cry mightily unto the Lord, feeling that our help *must come from Him?* It would be just as easy for God to stretch forth His hand and touch the hearts of wealthy Christians, leading them to pour their money into His treasury, if our faith were strong enough to move His arm, as it was for Him to reach the heart of that heathen king in answer to His children's cry. Just so surely as it shall be recorded of us at the end of this fiscal year, "Oh, how those women prayed!" will there be a full treasury and every obligation met. J. M. H.

SAILING OF MISSIONARIES.

Four ladies under the care of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society left this country for the foreign field on the first of November. Miss Lydia Jones and Miss Lydia B. Walker sailed from Philadelphia for Liverpool on their way to the Gaboon and Corisco Mission in Western Africa. Miss Jones returns after a visit home of a few months for rest and strength. Miss Walker, who has labored among the North American Indians at Odanah, Wisconsin, goes to Africa for the first time. Miss Hattie Noyes and Miss L. B. Happer sailed from San Francisco for Canton, China, to resume their work at that place. The affectionate remembrance and earnest prayers of many friends will follow them, not only to their destination, but in their future labors.

SIMON'S QUESTION.

"Go *thou*"—had said the Master,—"Feed
My sheep—my lambs." But lingering yet
Beside the blue Gennesaret,
The restless Simon asks,—(why need
He know, whose coward word and deed
By such appeal had just been met?)

"And what shall *this* man do?" He turned
To one who, silent, followed on
Behind him,—the beloved John,
Whose soul with deeper reverence burned,
By reason of the teachings learned
Through three days' anguish undergone.

The rash, impetuous spirit still
Must meet a fresh rebuke, and be
Chidden, albeit tenderly,
As Jesus answers: "If I will
That he should tarry here until
I come, what matters that to thee?"

—We, later followers, thus we let
Our duty lie undone, as though
It were our first concern to know
What duties are for others set,
And ask the very question yet
That Simon asked so long ago.

"Feed thou my sheep." The living word
Which thus of old the Master spake,
Upon our ears can never break;
But every soul may still be stirred
By the command that Simon heard
That summer day beside the Lake.

MARGARET J. PRESTON.

ITEMS FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

THE Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has opened a hospital for Chinese women and children at Foochow, costing something over $5000. Miss Trask, M.D., went to that place in November, 1874, and "even

with the imperfect arrangements made for dispensary work within the mission compound, she has already treated over twelve hundred cases, and given out twice that number of prescriptions. With this new hospital she will be able to treat a large number of patients, and to carry on her benevolent work far more efficiently."

The Constantinople Home, which is under the care of the Woman's Board of Missions (Congregational), is reported by the *Life and Light* for October as carrying on its usual work, notwithstanding the disturbances going on around it. The course of study marked out for the girls in the Home is full and judicious. There will be some well-educated Christian women in Constantinople when these girls reach womanhood. Mrs. George D. Marsh gives a graphic account of the flight of the missionaries from Eski Zagra to Constantinople, in the November number of *Life and Light*.

In one of the recent meetings of the Association of Female Workers in London, Mrs. Hudson Taylor mentioned as a subject for thanksgiving that out of the *eighteen* provinces in inland China, for which special prayer was made two and a half years ago, only *two* now remained unoccupied, and that there was a prospect of reaching these before long. In a wonderful way God has opened doors for the entrance of the gospel, and preserved the missionaries from danger and violence. A way was prepared into one of the provinces by the conversion of a gentleman who, in an unconverted, unconcerned state, had settled among the Chinese and married a Chinese woman. Through the reading of the Word of God, without any other means of grace, he was led to know the Lord, and soon had the opportunity of welcoming to Ho-nan one designated to that province by the China Inland Mission. He received him into his house, invited the mandarins to meet him, and himself helped in preaching the gospel.— *Woman's Work*, London.

Our thanks are due to the Hon. Secretary of the China Inland Mission, London, for a handsomely bound copy of *China's Millions*

for 1875–76. This mission to the interior provinces of China is doing a noble work, and its monthly is ably edited by Rev. J. Hudson Taylor.

QUESTIONS.

REFERENCE was made in the November number of *Woman's Work* to questions regarding the work in any of its branches. We expect to give special attention to any such questions which may be sent us, and hope by so doing to have all the light possible turned upon the difficult or obscure points of the subject. But just here let us say that these questions should be relevant to the subject, and should also be such as cannot be answered after a little research by the one who asks the question.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Bailey, Mrs. H.
Jones, Miss Lydia
Peck, Miss Helen O.
Treadwell, Mrs. Jane A.
Welles, Mrs. H. H.
Wilson, Mrs. Hettie

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

AUXILIARIES.

Philadelphia North, Pres. Soc
Clarksburg, W. Va.
Parkersburg, W. Va., Calvary Ch.
Prospect, O.
Ravenswood, W. Va.
Scranton, Pa., 1st Church.

BANDS.

Apollo, Pa., Hopeful, (girls).
Faithful Workers, (boys).
Bridgewater, Pa., Myrta.
Hollidaysburg, Pa., Band of Hope.
Philadelphia, Pa., Olivet Ch
Springfield, O., Profit and Pleasure.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, from October 1, 1877.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ATHENS.—Amesville Aux., $8 50; Busy Bees, $5 75, . $14 38

BALTIMORE. — Emmettsburg Aux., for sch'p, Kolapoor, $30; for gen. fund, $11 60, 41 60

CARLISLE.—Harrisburg, Pine St. Aux., for fam. suf., India, ... 20 00

CHESTER.—Brandywine Manor Aux., for Miss'y, Lodiana, ... 16 50

CINCINNATI.—Cincinnati, 3d Ch. Aux., for Taylor sch'p, Dehra, $30; Delhi Aux., $7 40, Young Ladies' Bd., $11 60 ($19); Mason Aux., $3 10; Montgomery Aux., $12; Mt. Auburn Aux., outfit for Miss'y to Mexico, $300, Willing Workers, for school, Mexico, $50 ($350); Reading and Lockland Aux., $10; Wyoming,

King's Daughters, $54, for school, Mexico, . . . $478 10

Cleveland. — Ashtabula Aux., for Miss'y, Japan, $44 56; Cleveland Mem. Ch. S. S., school, Gherzooz, Syria, $12, ... 56 56

Columbus.—Central College Aux., for zenana visitor, India, $12; Rush Creek Aux., $10 75, . . . 22 75

Dayton.—Dayton, 3d Ch. S. S., for sch'p, Dehra, $40, sch'p, Oroomiah, $28, sch'p, Yokohama, $30 ($98); Springfield, 1st Ch. Miss. Bd., for Scripture pictures for Africa, $10, . . . 108 00

Elizabeth.—Lamington Aux., $25 45; Plainfield Aux., for Miss'y, Brazil, $74 86, ... 100 31

Holston.—Jonesboro' Aux., $37 75; Kingsport Aux., $5; Oakland Aux., $11, for Miss'y, Japan, . . . 53 75

Huntingdon.—Hollidaysburg Aux., for Miss'y, Sabathu, $101 26; Spruce Creek Ch., Rev. J. C. Kelly, for fam. suf., Kolapoor Miss., $10, ... 111 26

Jersey City.—Paterson, 1st Ch., Children of the King, for sch'p, Sidon orphanage, 3 00

Kittanning.—Apollo Aux., for Miss'y, Siam, $50; Appleby Manor Aux., for school, Saharanpur, $25; Centre Aux., $5; Freeport Aux., for Miss'y, Siam, $37 50, ... 117 50

Lackawanna.—Towanda Aux., for Miss'y, Corisco, $150; Wilkesbarré, 1st Ch. Aux., $28 50, Mrs. Loop's Bd., $15 50, Mrs. Reiman's Bd., $1 50 ($45 50), for Miss'y, Kolapoor, . . 195 50

Mahoning. — Poland Aux., for Miss'y, Bogota, $22; Youngstown Aux., sch'p, Mexico, $25, . . . 47 00

Marion.—Chesterville Aux., $17 50; Delaware Aux., $34; Trenton Aux., $32, . 83 50

Monmouth.—Mt. Holly, Holly Branch Bd., for orphan, Futtehgurh, . . . 15 00

Newark.—S. Park Aux., for Miss'y, Canton and pupils, $88 43; Central Aux., sch. and sch'ps, $60; High St. Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $69 97; 3d Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Canton and school, $81; Bloomfield, 1st Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Canton, $27 20, sch'p, $14 25 ($41 45); Caldwell Aux., for school, $50, Bible-reader under Miss Crouch's care, $10 ($60), ... $400 85

New Brunswick.—2d Amwell Aux., for sch'p, Kolapoor, $9 50, nat. tea., Rio Claro, $9 70, S. S., for nat. tea., Rio Claro, $14 65 ($33 85); Stockton Aux., for school, Sughbin, Syria, $40; Trenton, 1st Ch., Golden Hour Circle, for sch'p, Yokohama, $25; Prospect St. Aux., for sch'ps, Rio Claro, $40, ... 138 85

Newcastle. — St. George's Aux., for two years, $49; Whaleyville, Eden Gatherers, for education in China, $2 24, . . . 51 24

Newton. — Belvidere, 1st Church, Willing Workers $12 75; Phillipsburg Aux., for zenana visitor, Lahore, $100, ... 112 75

Northumberland — Elliott Aux., $100; Lewisburg Aux., $50; Washington Aux., $19; Williamsport, 1st Ch. Aux., for Belinda and school, Lodiana, $100, 269 00

Philadelphia.—South Ch., Cheerful Givers, for sch'p, Dehra, $25; Walnut St. Ch., Mrs. Dr. Stidham, for sch'p, Dehra, $65, . . 90 00

Philadelphia Central. — North Ch., B. L. Agnew Bd., for sch'p, Sidon, $50; Olivet Aux., for nat. tea., Kolapoor, $50, . . . 100 00

Philadelphia North.—Chestnut Hill Aux., for nat. tea., Beirût, $100; Germantown, 1st Ch., Pulaskiville S. S., $30; A lady, $30, for 2 sch'ps, Yokohama, . . 160 00

REDSTONE.—Sewickley Aux., $22 00
ROCHESTER.—Dansville Aux., for Miss'y, Liberia, $100; Geneseo, Cent. Ch. Aux., Ayrault sch'p, Beirût, $50, 150 00
ST. CLAIRSVILLE.—Martin's Ferry Aux., for school, Mynpurie, $27 63; New Athens Aux., for work under Mrs. McFarland, Siam, $21 50, . . . 49 13
SHENANGO. — Clarksville Aux., for school, Lahore, $33 50; Hermon Aux., for Mexico, $28; Neshannock Aux., $14, ... 75 50
SYRACUSE.—Skaneateles, Miss Hitchcock's class, for sch'p, Dehra and L. M., $25; Syracuse, 4th Ch. Aux., for Miss'y, Japan, $89 37, 114 37
UNION.—Dandridge Aux., $6 12; Hebron Aux., $6; Knoxville Aux., $11 58; New Market Aux., $10; Strawberry Plains Aux., $3; Westminster Aux., $9 15; less 50 cents postal order, . 45 85
UTICA.—Waterville, Ladies' Benev. Soc., for Missionaries' travelling expenses, . 50 00
WASHINGTON.—Forks of Wheeling Aux., for Miss'y, Tungchow, $75; Lower Ten Mile Aux., for Bible-reader, Canton, $25; Upper Ten Mile Aux., $25, . . . 125 00
WESTJERSEY.--DeerfieldAux., for Bible-reader, Gaboon, . 26 00
WESTMINSTER.—Slate Ridge Aux., for India, $16 26; Williamstown Miss. Bd., for sch'p, Gaboon, $20 60, 36 86
ZANESVILLE.—Dresden Aux., $25; High Hill and Mt. Zion Aux., for Missionary, Chenanfoo, $13 60; Mt. Vernon Aux., $27; New Concord Aux., Mrs. Hetty Wilson, to con. herself L. M., $25; Pataskala Aux., for Missionary's outfit, $30; Roseville Aux., $5, . . 125 60

MISCELLANEOUS.— Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Anna M. Waters, for Bible-reader, Canton, in part, $15; Columbus, O., Mrs. Dr. S. Loving, for fund for Missionaries' children, $100; Collection at Semi-annual Meeting for gold watch given for fund for Missionaries' children, $228 20; Balance of money raised for expenses of Semi-annual Meeting, to be used for printing papers read at said meeting, $88; Conshohocken, Pa., Mrs. J. H. Symmes, $1; Dayton, O., Mrs. Preserved Smith, for fund for Missionaries' children, $50; Gettysburg, Pa., Miss McPherson, for Miss'y, Woodstock, $50: Glendale, O., Mrs. H. W. Hughes, for fund for Missionaries' children, $10; Hamden Junction, O., A little son (dec'd) of Mrs. W. Burtenshaw, $2 07; Kingston, Pa., Mrs. H. H. Welles, $25; Mechanicsburg, Pa., Mrs. M. N Mateer, A birthday thank offering, $5; Mt. Gilead, O., Rev. H. Shedd, to con. Miss M. L. Shedd, L. M., $25, New Albany, Ind., Mrs. M. A. Lapsley, for travelling expenses of Miss'y to Japan, $500; St. Peter, Minn., Mrs. Jane A. Treadwell, $3 50; Williamstown, Mich., Miss Sarah Dean, $1; "Cash," for native assistant, Corisco, 25; E. C. F., Pa., for fund for Missionaries' children, $100; Sale of Mexican birds, $2 50; Interest on deposits, 70 38, ... 1,301 65

Total for October 1877, . $4,944 86
Previously acknowledged, . 12,525 43

Total Receipts from May 1, to November 1, 1877, . $17,470 29

The Aux. Soc., Grace Ch., Oswego, N. Y., has sent a box to the Sidon Mission—value not given.

$62 acknowledged in July number of *Woman's Work* from Bellaire, O., should have been from St. Clairsville, O.

MRS. JULIA M. FISHBURN, *Treasurer*,
1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

November 1, 1877.

W. P. B. M.

Northwestern Department.

INDIA.

Mrs. Kelso.

Rawal Pindi, August 4, 1877.

. . . The farmers are busy sowing their summer crops now, and though warm, the weather is lovely; we have dazzling blue skies, and everything is fresh and green. But a great famine will ensue all over India unless we have good rains this month. I suppose you see from the papers that the famine is very bad in Madras. This time last year Pindi was being scourged with cholera, but, thank God, this is a very healthy season. Sometimes it seems necessary to go up to some mountain retreat, especially for the children who wilt away during the summer on the plains. What they feel most, is the hermetically-sealed existence which they are obliged to lead on the sun-baked plains. Every door and window has to be closed from morning till evening, and quilted curtains are hung at doors to darken and keep out the hot air; while *pankhas* go all the time.

To-morrow we are to celebrate the Lord's Supper in our church, at which a goodly number will sit down, say about thirty-six adult members of the native church, besides several poor Europeans, who attend our English service. About two months ago, Mr. Kelso baptized three people, a man and his daughter of the *mehtar* or lower caste and another young Mohammedan woman, whose parents were baptized four years ago. Marya was living with her husband in a village some miles from Pindi, but she says she was obliged to leave him, as after her parents were baptized he ill-treated her. She is a niee, bright young woman, and attends the Sunday-school where Bessie James, the Bible-woman, teaches. Marya is learning rapidly, and I trust, with God's blessing, she will be the means of doing much good to her countrywomen. I wish I could introduce all the members to you. Some are truly God-fearing men and women,

and some are rather unsatisfactory. Including children, I believe there are over seventy Christians (native) in Pindi. The Pindi mission church is an attractive building, and very often as we sing, outsiders come up to the windows to listen, and frequently many come in and stay during the whole service.

. . . Owing to want of funds, and the constant cry of retrenchment from the mission rooms in New York, and partly from the want of suitable teachers, we have still only two schools in Rawal Pindi. My registers show an attendance of over one hundred girls, though not a very constant attendance, owing to weddings, funerals, visits home to their parents or husbands' relations, and the numerous festivals that the Hindus have. We do not give any holidays for these heathen festivals, but the girls usually take leave with or without our sanction, and we cannot punish them, as their attendance is a matter of favor. Not so in the boys' schools, where for non-attendance there is a fine, except in cases of sickness, or where leave has been granted. Our girls' schools are day-schools, and are for Hindu girls only, that is, of the higher or middle classes. If we admitted lower caste girls to these schools we should have to close them, though Rebecca, the convert, from the lower caste, goes to the second school, and as a Christian, sits beside girls of respectable families. Both schools are in the city, and are very unpretending-looking places. They are like all native houses, with small rooms and verandahs opening on a court-yard. They have very little shelter from heat or rain, and generally are very sickening in summer, owing to the unpleasant odor from the girls' bodies, which no one who has not visited a place like a school can imagine.

CHINA.

Miss Ketchum.

Island of Poodoo, August 23, 1877.

. . . The summer at Ningpo is very trying, as you doubtless know, so a few days after we closed our school, Miss Harshberger and I, with others, came here to rest and gain strength for the work of the new school year. We have been here four weeks, and expect

to return next Tuesday. We are living in a Buddhist monastery. This is a special day of thanksgiving for the harvest which has just been gathered, and I have been down stairs watching the priests worship. I have seen more of idolatry here than in all the time I have been in China before. The entire island is given up to the priests, and there are said to be over a hundred temples and monasteries now, while new ones are being erected. We can almost say that there are idols on every high hill and under every green tree.

The other day when out for a walk, we passed through the one little village on the island. A long rope stretched from one house to another was filled with paper clothing, to be burned for the use of the spirits. Many tables were set out in the street with offerings of food, and upon one we were surprised to find a *foreign clock*, set up to do honor to the idol. Those of our party who are so happy as to be able to talk, find many opportunities for telling of the true Lord and only Saviour. It seems much like casting bread upon the waters, but there is much to encourage in the thought of the promise connected with such labor.

School begins a week from to-day, and we are looking forward with pleasure to beginning work again. We expect to have nineteen or twenty girls. Three left the school during the last year, but we have had applications for three or four new ones, so that the number remains the same.

SIAM.

Miss Cort.

Petchaburi, July 6, 1877.

. . . I hope that our "Home" will be finished and all paid for in due time. It is now three stories high. It is the largest and loftiest house in the city, and the pretty tile roof is nearly all on. I do not think we shall get into it this year; things move very slowly in Siam, where if you want to build a house, you must begin by buying earth to make the bricks, and oftentimes rough logs to be worked up into boards. We shall finish the large room

that is to be used as a chapel first, because the old school-house, where they have worshipped for so many years, is so full in these days that we have hardly room to turn and kneel down. We are very glad to be crowded out in this way.

Our church has doubled its membership since January. We had a very happy communion last Sabbath, and twelve natives were baptized. We have now eighty-one baptized members, and I think there will soon be one hundred. Our hearts are full of thankfulness and joy, for the Lord hath done great things for us. We held an extra "week of prayer" in June, and I hope we shall make it a yearly custom. Our schools, too, are doing nicely I have commenced another new one, where there are over twenty names enrolled. It is in another part of the city, about a mile from here. I have a native teacher for it, but I go to visit it once a week, and carry a basket of sewing along. The children, boys as well as girls, are making patchwork the first thing, and when the quilt is finished, I give it to the one who sewed it. We have an extra Bible lesson, too, on that day, and I teach the children to sing the hymns they have already learned to repeat that week. Mr. McFarland is going to my school-house to preach to-morrow. He has preached there once before, and last Sabbath five men came here to listen. I want you to help us pray for God's blessing on our work in every place. We have quite a number of members now who live in far-off villages. Eight of them were gathered here to help make bricks for our "Home," and so heard the gospel and were converted. Now they will go home carrying Bibles and books, and the story of what God has done for their own souls, and we think the future harvest will be great. Thus you see we are cheered and encouraged by seeing the work of the Lord prospering in our hands.

In Miss Whately's schools in Cairo and Damietta, Egypt, more than four hundred children of both sexes, mostly Mohammedan, are in daily attendance, and the number is constantly increasing.—*Heathen Woman's Friend*

Home Work.

THE semi-annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, recently held in Columbus, Ohio, was one of rare excellence and power. As a participant in this rich feast, we would testify to the ability of its management, the fervor of its spirituality and its substantial results. These annual occasions of united sympathy, coöperation and personal contact as the members of Christ's household, bring us nearer together as we press nearer to the cross. They are foretastes of that gathering in the "house of many mansions." The very breath of Heaven was wafted to us as the alabaster box was broken in behalf of missionaries' children by the beloved Miss Peabody, and our eyes were full of unshed tears as Mrs. Humphrey's tender and eloquent words of farewell fell upon our ears. Yonder as our hearts thrill we shall go no more out forever, as we would fain have done while on the Mount of Transfiguration. Faith shall then have become vision, and the ends of the earth shall have been gathered unto Him.

A DELEGATE FROM THE WOMAN'S PRES. BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE NORTHWEST.

JOHN IX. 4.

"*I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day:* the night cometh when no man can work." HOW necessary that we should each do our part in the great work of bringing the whole world to Jesus! Some have a large field to labor in, some a smaller one. The only requisites are a willing mind, a loving heart, a prayerful spirit, and an earnest desire to occupy just the niche our Father has set apart for us to fill. Then shall we indeed become "broken and emptied vessels for the Master's use made meet." While attending a missionary convention recently held at Howell, and listening to Dr. Ellinwood's earnest words and Mrs. Rhea's

eloquence poured forth from a heart consecrated to the Master, I was impressed with the grandeur of this work of saving souls as never before. I trust that all who had the privilege of partaking of the rich feast our Lord spread for us there, carried home with them an incentive to labor in earnest in this wide, wide field.

H. E. M.

Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

PRESBYTERY OF CHICAGO.

The first annual meeting of the Woman's Society connected with the Presbytery of Chicago was held in Evanston, Monday, October 1st. The exercises were opened with prayer by the President of the Northwestern Board. Mrs. H. D. Penfield, Presbyterial President, then made a brief address, speaking of what had been accomplished, and what was hoped for by this new organization. She believed the day could not be far distant when the ladies of every one of the forty-five churches in the Presbytery will esteem it a privilege to be co-workers in this blessed work of giving the gospel to every creature, and will send their delegate to the annual meeting. The treasurer and secretary read interesting reports, that of the former showing that all the tithes had *not* yet been gathered, that many more "willing offerings" were needed to carry forward the work already begun; while the earnest words of the secretary told of persistent effort, patiently and prayerfully sending postal after postal to the same persons till attention was secured. Six new auxiliaries had been formed, but in twenty or more churches "the land yet remained to be possessed." At this point Dr. Noyes came in from the Presbytery sitting in the room below, bearing the greetings of that body to the women of the churches, and bidding them God speed, requesting also that a committee of one or more be appointed to represent that society at the missionary meeting to be held in the evening. Mrs. Hoge was at once nominated and chosen. Representatives of local societies present were then called upon for reports, after which Mrs. Newell of Rochester, Minnesota, and Mrs. Rhea, made interesting and helpful addresses. It was certainly

good to be there. As dear Mrs. Newell said, "the air was fragrant." Was it not the sweet incense of consecrated souls that pray unceasingly with deepest emphasis, "*Thy kingdom come?*"

---

*"HE SHALL NOT FAIL NOR BE DISCOURAGED."**

BY JUNIATA.

Faint-hearted and weak are the children of men,
O'ercome and discouraged again and again;
Over and over we falter and fail,
Crying out, "What doth our labor avail?"
Verily, then, did the triumph depend
Only on this, that *we* "hope to the end,"
Dark were the prospect of joy and salvation,
Pledged and foretold for each sin-ruined nation.

Nay, upon One that is mightier than we,
Wait all the lands and the isles of the sea.
Hark to this word for the weak and the tried,
Hearken, then hasten to work at His side:—
"He shall *not* be discouraged and *He* shall not fail,
Till judgment and truth in all kingdoms prevail."
In faithful endeavor, in patient endurance,
Let us "lean hard" on this gracious assurance.

*Isaiah xlii. 4.

THE CHRISTIAN BRAHMIN WOMAN.

The account of the Brahmin woman who became a Christian, and was therefore ill-treated by her husband so that she was obliged to leave him, and after two years he begged her to return, published in *Woman's Work*, November, last year, may be remembered. We hear now that she is still living with her husband and children, enjoying perfect religious freedom, and although her husband has not become a Christian as yet, the probabilities are that he will do so if Vitubé is a faithful Christian wife. It is a matter to rejoice over that the children have a Christian mother.

NEW AUXILIARIES.

Aledo, Ill.
Dunlapville, Ind.
Garden Plain, Ill., Newton Ch.
Menominee, Mich.
Minneapolis, Minn., 1st Ch.
Wapakoneta, Ohio.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Miss E. A. Hyde,
Mrs. N. A. Johnson,
Mrs. O. B. Judson,
Mrs. Julia Michael.
Mrs. Henry H. Northrup,
Rev. David S. Tappan,
Miss Lucy L. Ward.

Mr. DeCoudres, instead of Mrs. DeCoudres, as published in the Nov. No.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, for October 1877.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

BELLEFONTAINE.—Urbana W. M. S., ... $50 00

BLOOMINGTON.—Bement, sup. sch'p, Corisco, Africa, $30; Dwight, sup. pastor's wife, Persia, $10; El Paso, sup. sch'p No. 5, Chefoo, $10 23, 50 23

CAIRO.—Du Quoin, . . 12 80

CHICAGO.—Chicago, 3d Ch., sal. of Mrs. Kelso, $100; 4th Ch., sup. Miss'y, $69; Elmhurst, sup. two pupils, Corisco, Africa, $45 80; Lake Forest, $52; Steady Streams, $4 67, ... 271 47

DES MOINES.—Des Moines, sal. of Miss Dougherty, $37 50; Light Bearers, sch'p No. 10, Chefoo, $12 76, . . . 50 26

FREEPORT.—Freeport, 1st and 3d Chs., sch., Tabriz, $20; Duncan McKay, $5, . . 25 00

INDIANAPOLIS.—Indianapolis, 1st Ch., sal. Mrs. Van Hook, ... 103 00

IOWA.—Burlington, $11; Keokuk, sal. Miss Jewett, $12; Willing Workers, sch'p No. 15, Chefoo, $5; Kossuth, sch'p No. 1, Chefoo, $25; Mediapolis, sup. sch., Futtehgurh, $10; Ottumwa, $8, 71 00

KALAMAZOO.—Allegan, . . 11 04

MANKATO.—Kasson towards L. M., ... 10 00

MILWAUKEE. — Milwaukee, Immanuel Ch., sup. Heathen Girls' sch., Futtehgurh, $75; Lima, sup. mt. sch., Persia, $10; Somers, S. S., for Tripoli, $17 31; Stone Bank Miss. Band, $7, $109 31

MONROE.—Adrian, $25, Hillsdale, $30, Tecumseh, $54, all for sal. Miss Ketchum, . 109 00

MUNCIE.—Muncie, . . 55 00

NEW ALBANY.—Bedford, $8 20; Hanover, $25 46; Madison, 2d Ch., $32; Vernon, $25; Dying gift Mrs. Mabel Peabody, $100, . 190 66

ROCK RIVER.—Edgington, . 35 55

SAGINAW.—Bay City, 1st Ch., sch'p, Oroomiah, $28 69; Flint, Young Ladies' Soc., pupil at Dehra Doon, $15, . 43 69

SAINT PAUL.—Duluth, sal. Miss Downing, $22 85; Minneapolis, Westminster Ch., $50; St. Paul, 1st Ch., $20, ... 92 85

WATERLOO.—Waterloo, sal. Miss Pratt, . . . 25 00

WHITEWATER. — Richmond, $23; Reapers, sup. sch'p No. 12, Chefoo, $40, . . 63 00

WISCONSIN RIVER.—Oregon S. S., $3; Portage, $14 50, 7 50

MISCELLANEOUS. — Societies for pub. Report, $5; Entertainment fund, $5 50, . 10 50

Total for October, . . $1406 86

CHICAGO, *October* 30, 1877.

MRS. JESSE WHITEHEAD, *Treasurer*,
223 Michigan Avenue.